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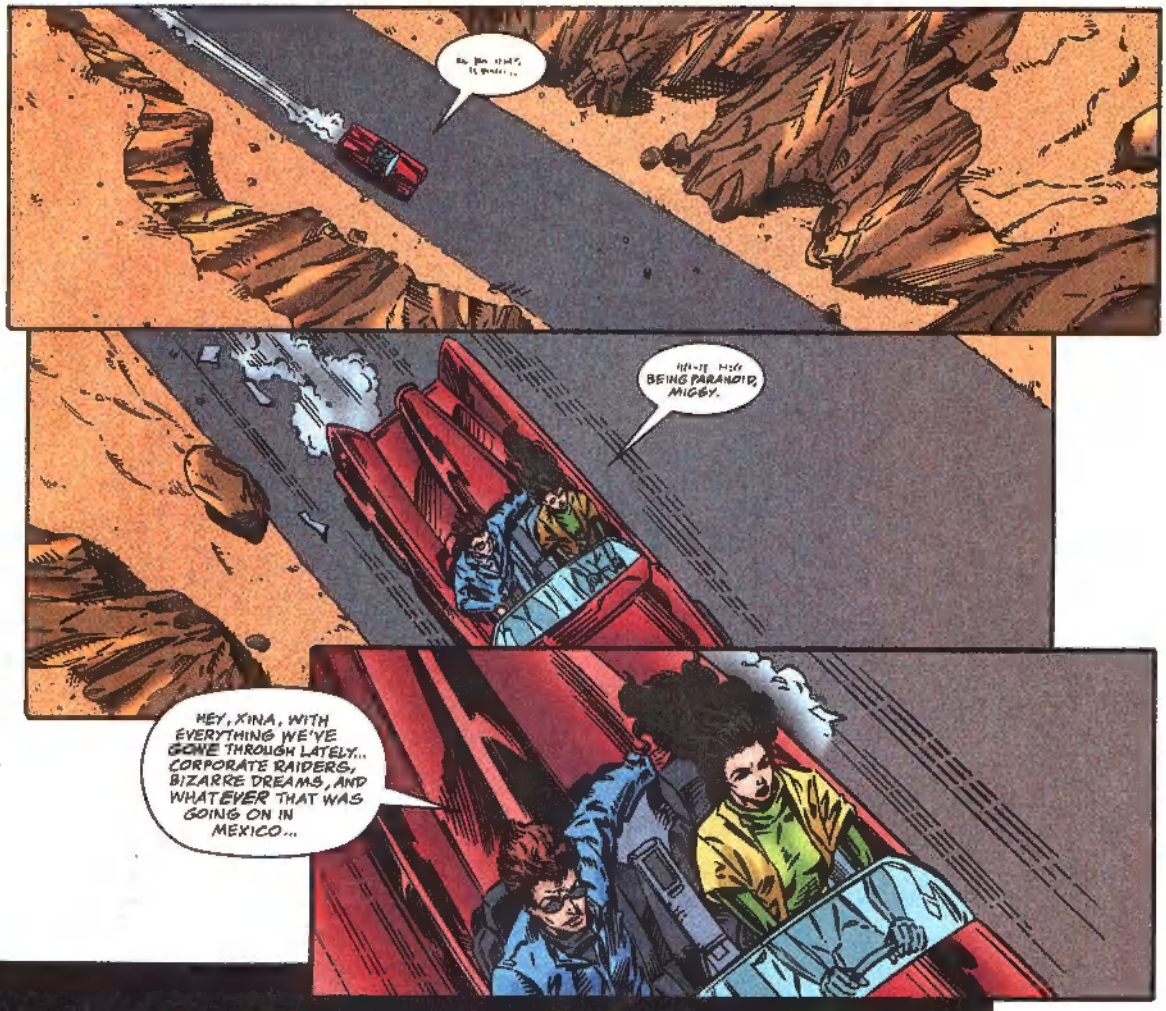
BEING PARANOID, MIGGY.
HEY, XINA, WITH EVERYTHING WE'VE GONE THROUGH LATELY... CORPORATE RAIDERS, BIZARRE DREAMS, AND WHATEVER THAT WAS GOING ON IN MEXICO...

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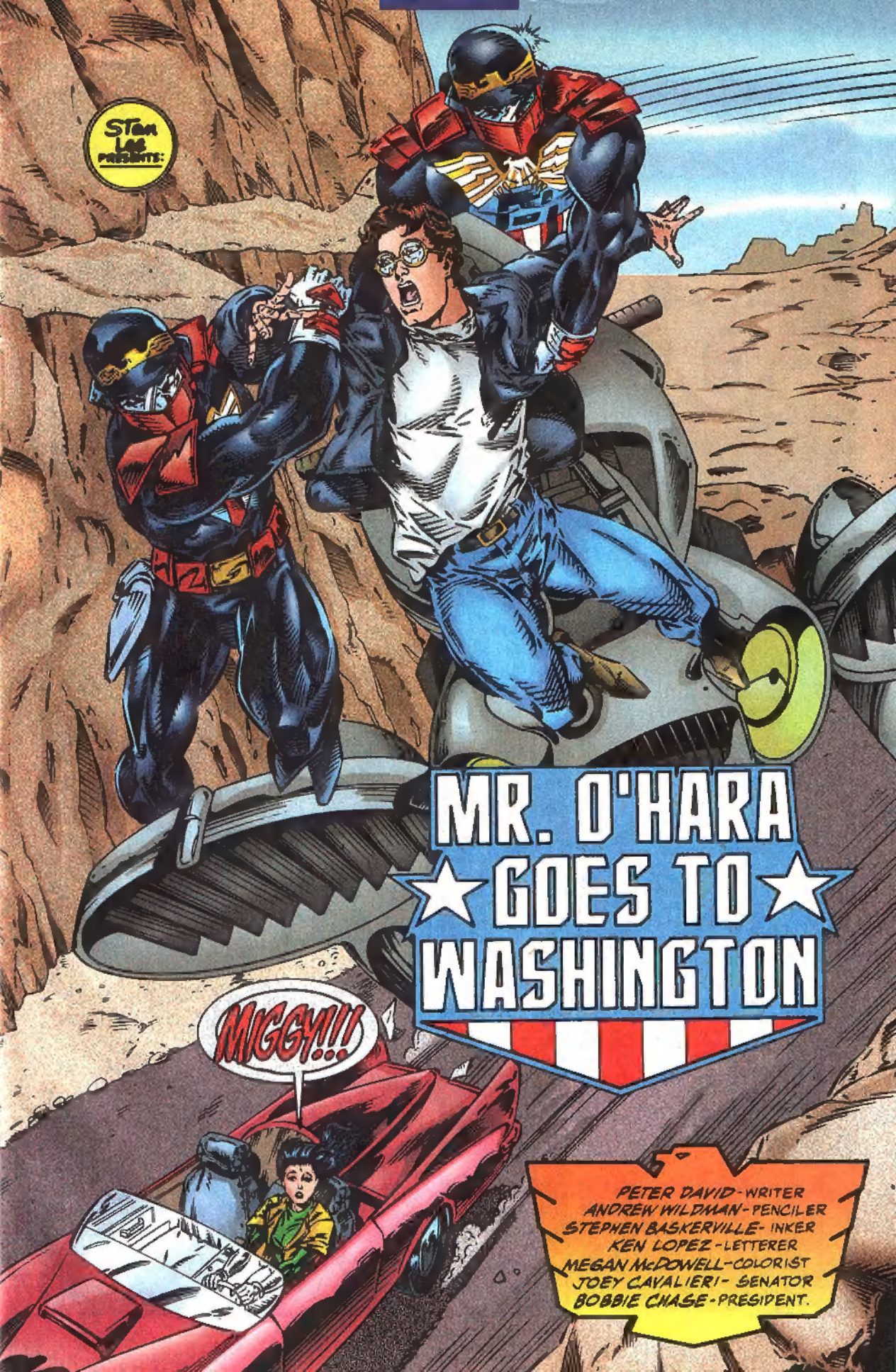
SPEAKING OF WEIRDNESS... I'VE BEEN THINKING A LOT ABOUT SPIDER-MAN LATELY.
AT FIRST I WAS JUST ANGRY. BLAMED HIM FOR EVERYTHING.
BUT MAYBE I WAS TOO HARD ON HIM. MAYBE HE SHOULD BE VIEWED IN A SOCIETAL CONTEXT.
ALCHEMAX WAS SUFFOCATING US ALL WITH ITS REGIMENTATION...
...AND THEN SPIDER-MAN SHOWED UP AND PLUNGED US INTO A NEW ERA OF WEIRDNESS.
THAT'S NOT SO BAD. AFTER ALL, IN 2099...
...WHAT'S WRONG WITH FEELING ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN?
RIGHT?
Miggy?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MIGGY!!!
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I DON'T BELIEVE THIS! DON'T WE EVER GET A SHOCKIN' BREATHER?!
PUT HIM DOWN, YOU CREEPS! PUT...
AWWWW, PEANUTS!
I DUNNO WHO YOU ARE, BUT YOU BETTER PUT ME DOWN...
...OR YOU'RE GONNA SHOCKIN' REGRET IT!
YOU WILL NOT BE HURT, SIR. YOUR PRESENCE HAS BEEN REQUESTED AT THE WHITE HOUSE...
...BY TYLER STONE.
WHAT? DID YOU SAY--

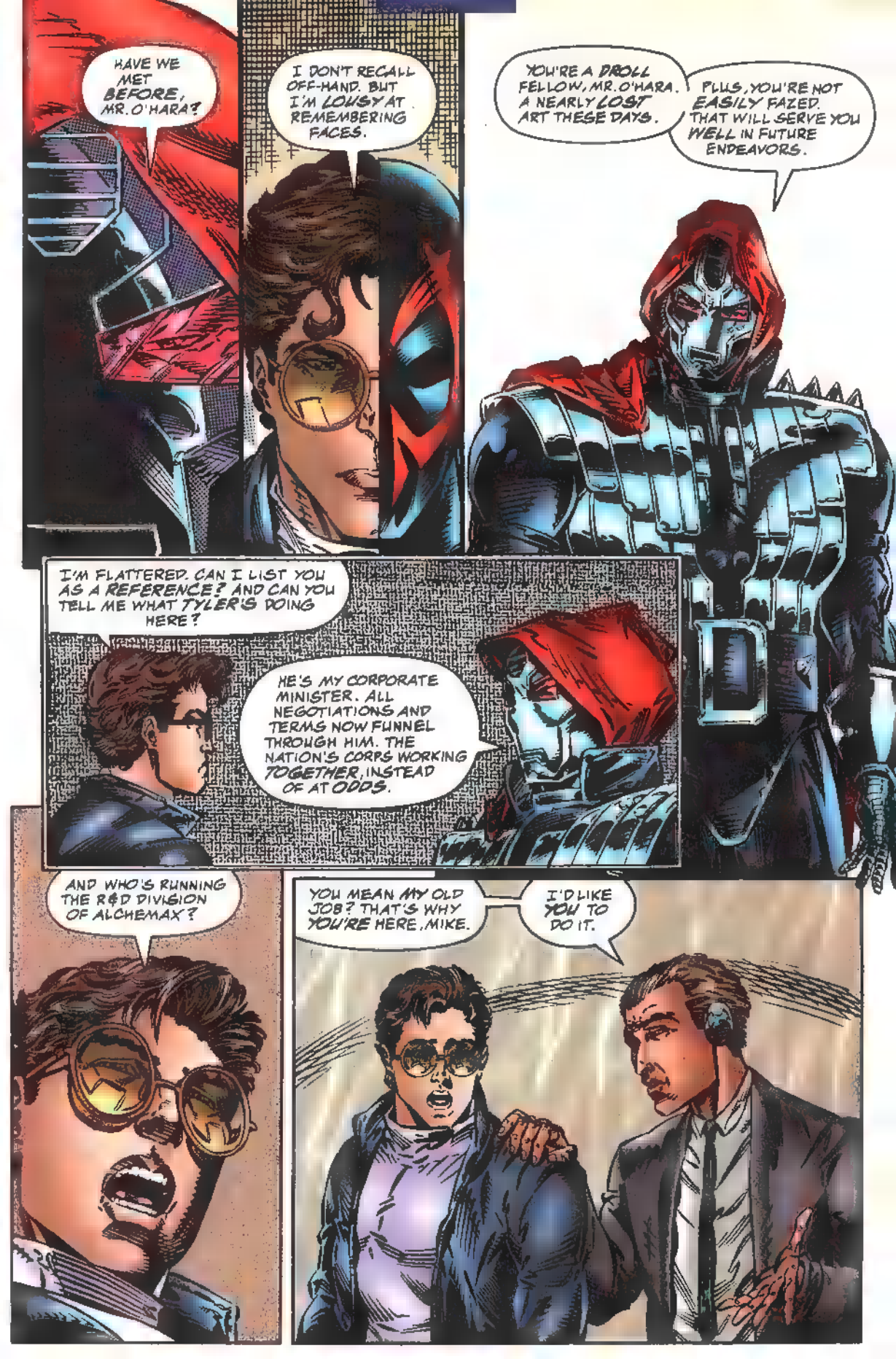
TYLER? DO YOU HAVE TO WORK LATE AGAIN?
I MEAN I DON'T KNOW ANYONE HERE IN WASHINGTON. GETS A LITTLE LONELY.
I APPRECIATE THAT, DANA. BUT THERE'S A GREAT DEAL TO SORT OUT.
I WAS CONCERNED AT FIRST... BUT AFTER MEETING THE MAN, SEEING THE POSSIBILITIES...
I UNDERSTAND. JUST BE HOME AS SOON AS YOU CAN.
SIGH
UNFF!

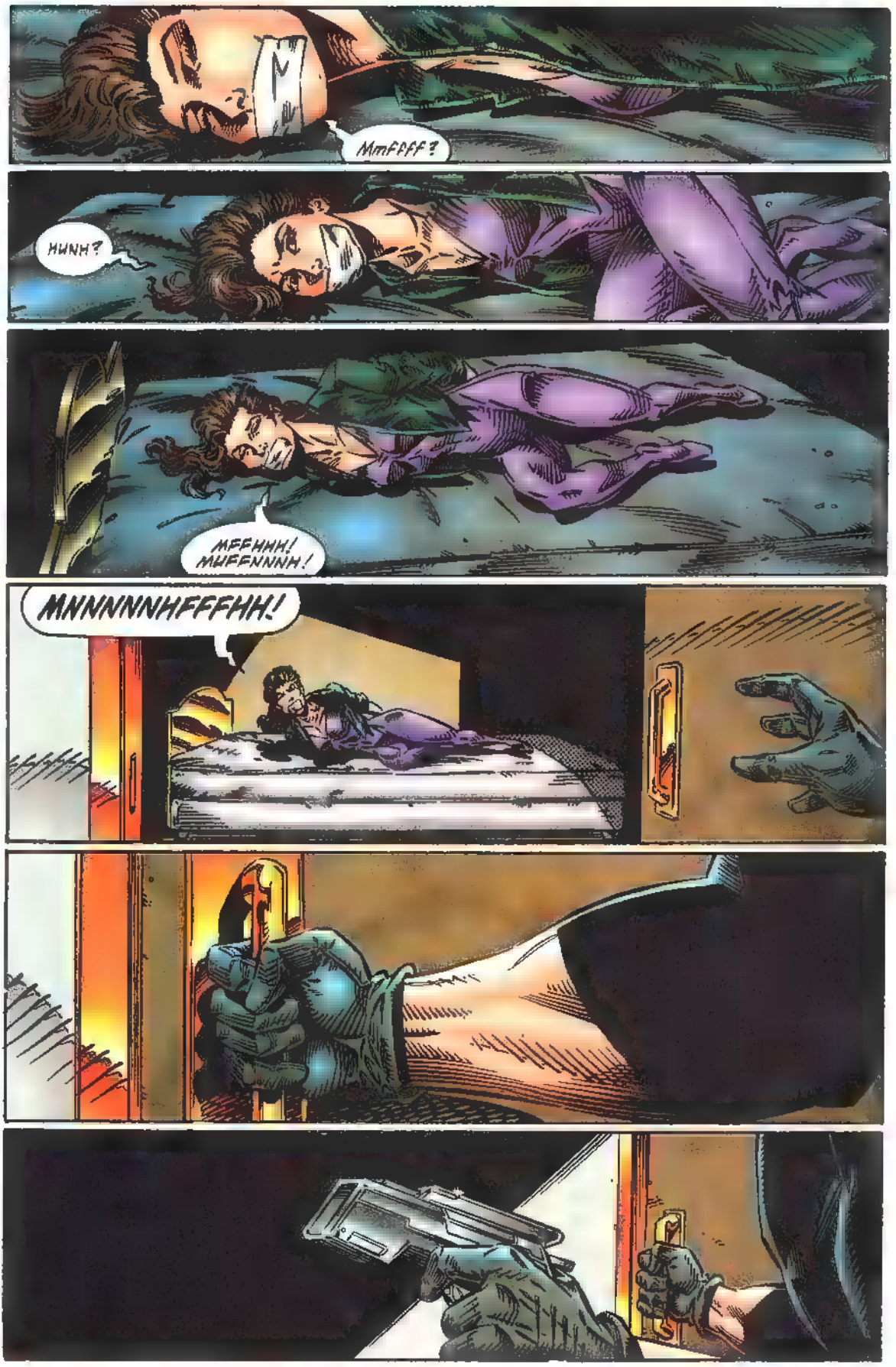
ENTER, MR. STONE.
I'M NOT EVEN GOING TO ASK HOW YOU KNEW IT WAS ME, SIR.
THE FIELD AGENTS REPORT THAT MIGUEL HAS BEEN LOCATED AND IS BEING ESCORTED HERE.
I EXPECTED NOTHING LESS FROM MY OPERATIVES, MR. STONE.
NOTHING LESS THAN OBEDIENCE, NOTHING MORE THAN LOYALTY.
ANYTHING ELSE IS OF LITTLE RELEVANCE.

NEW YORK, DOWNTOWN...
I DON'T BELIEVE IT! WE SHOULD'A STAYED IN MEXICO!
WE LEAVE THE COUNTRY FOR A FEW DAYS AND THERE'S A SHOCKIN' COUP D'ETAT! IT'S INSANE!
THE QUESTION IS, O'HARA, WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO ABOUT IT?
"WE?" KASEY... WE'RE TALKING DOOM HERE. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.
THEY'RE UP THERE, WE'RE DOWN HERE. WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING.
BUT HE CAN! YOU CAN!
O'HARA, YOU CAN'T JUST PRETEND THAT YOU'RE--
HEY, KID. C'MERE. GOT SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU.

O'HARA! FIGHT BACK! IT'S JUST A COUPLE OF MANGY FENRIS! YOU CAN TAKE 'EM!
SHADDUP, LADY, OR YOU'RE NEXT!
FORK IT OVER! CARD, VALUABLES, WHATEVER!
O'HARA! STOP SCREWING AROUND! DO SOMETHING!
OH, LADY, YOU'RE ASKING FOR IT!
OOF!
AND HERE IT IS!
UH OH.
WATCH-DOGS! LET'S GO!
HALT! YOU CANNOT ESCAPE!
WHAT... JUST HAPPENED HERE?

SO STONE'S BEHIND THIS, HUH? I'LL KILL HIM!
HE'S GONE TOO FAR THIS TIME! YANKING ME AROUND...
TYLER! I'VE HAD IT WITH YOU! THIS IS IT! THE FINAL SHOW-
--DOWN?
MIKE! THANKS FOR COMING.
I KNOW IT'S A LOT TO ABSORB, BUT... THIS IS PRESIDENT DOOM.
MR. STONE HAS SPOKEN HIGHLY OF YOU, MR. O'HARA.
AND WITH GOOD REASON, SIR. MIKE IS ONE OF THE BRIGHTEST MINDS AT ALCHEMAX. RIGHT, MIKE?
I WOULDN'T SAY "ONE OF."


HAVE WE MET BEFORE, MR. O'HARA?
I DON'T RECALL OFF-HAND. BUT I'M LOUSY AT REMEMBERING FACES.
YOU'RE A DROLL FELLOW, MR. O'HARA. A NEARLY LOST ART THESE DAYS.
PLUS, YOU'RE NOT EASILY FAZED. THAT WILL SERVE YOU WELL IN FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
I'M FLATTERED. CAN I LIST YOU AS A REFERENCE? AND CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT TYLER'S DOING HERE?
HE'S MY CORPORATE MINISTER. ALL NEGOTIATIONS AND TERMS NOW FUNNEL THROUGH HIM. THE NATION'S CORPS WORKING TOGETHER, INSTEAD OF AT ODDS.
AND WHO'S RUNNING THE R&D DIVISION OF ALCHEMAX?
YOU MEAN MY OLD JOB? THAT'S WHY YOU'RE HERE, MIKE.
I'D LIKE YOU TO DO IT.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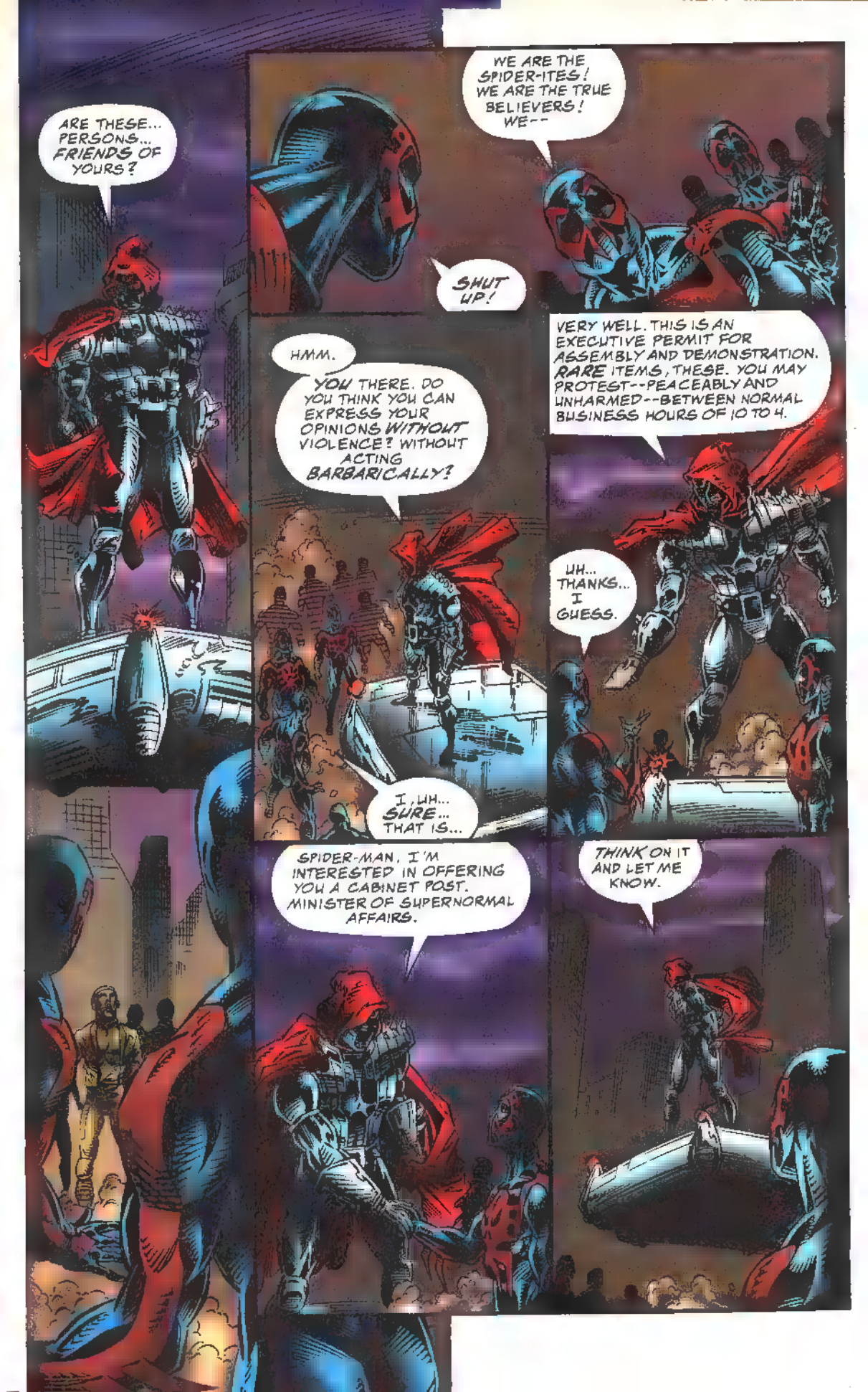
HWNH?
MFFHHH! MUFFNNNH!
MNNNNHFFFHH!

HEH.
HEEEH HEHHHH HEH
BWAAHHH HAH HAHHAA HA!!
I LOVE IT! I LOVE IT!!
ME RUN ALCHEMAX?! TAKE OVER STONE'S V.P. POSITION, OVERSEEING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT?!
TURN INTO HIM? IT'S NUTS!
SO...
SO WHY'D I TELL HIM I'D THINK ABOUT IT?
UH OH. WHAT'S GOING ON DOWN THERE?

DOWN WITH DOOM! DOWN WITH DOOM!
DISPERSE! DISPERSE NOW, OR FACE ARREST AND CONVICTION!
IT'S THE S-MAN!! THE REAL ONE!!
GET 'EM!!
TAKE 'EM DOWN, S-MAN!! YOU CAN DO IT! YOU'RE--
SPIDER-MAN.


ARE THESE... PERSONS... FRIENDS OF YOURS?
WE ARE THE SPIDER-ITES! WE ARE THE TRUE BELIEVERS! WE--
SHUT UP!
HMM.
YOU THERE. DO YOU THINK YOU CAN EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS WITHOUT VIOLENCE? WITHOUT ACTING BARBARICALLY?
I, UH... SURE... THAT IS...
VERY WELL. THIS IS AN EXECUTIVE PERMIT FOR ASSEMBLY AND DEMONSTRATION. RARE ITEMS, THESE. YOU MAY PROTEST--PEACEABLY AND UNHARMED--BETWEEN NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS OF 10 TO 4.
UH... THANKS... I GUESS.
SPIDER-MAN, I'M INTERESTED IN OFFERING YOU A CABINET POST. MINISTER OF SUPERNORMAL AFFAIRS.
THINK ON IT AND LET ME KNOW.

WHAT ASPECT DO YOU NOT "GET?" THAT I SANCTIONED THE PROTESTORS?
HOLD ON, DOOM! I DON'T GET THIS!
I TOOK CONTROL OF THIS COUNTRY, AND FEAR NO MAN OR FORCE ON THE PLANET. DO YOU SERIOUSLY THINK I FEAR SOMETHING AS EPHEMERAL AS IDEAS?
THE BEST IDEA IS A LOADED WEAPON, AND THOSE I HAVE APLENTY.
I WISH TO ACCOMPLISH GREAT THINGS, AND YOUR AID WOULD BE USEFUL. IF HUMORING A HANDFUL OF FRUSTRATED FOOLS CONTRIBUTES TO THAT, THEN SO BE IT. NOW... ARE WE THROUGH HERE?
I GUESS WE ARE.

WHY DIDN'T YOU TAKE THEM DOWN, O'HARA?
IT WAS JUST A COUPLE OF THUGS? WHY--
BECAUSE I'M NOT HIM, OKAY?! I NEVER WAS! IT'S JUST THIS... THIS FIXATION OF YOURS!
I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THE TIME I BOUNCED A BULLET OFF YOUR SKULL PERMANENTLY SCRAMBLED YOUR BRAINS, OR WHAT!
BUT I'M NOT SPIDER-SHOCKIN'-MAN, OKAY! I'M JUST GABRIEL O'HARA! OKAY? JUST ME!
OH, IIIIIII GET IT.
YOU WANT TO THROW ME OFF THE TRACK...

KASEY, RIGHT NOW I'D LIKE TO THROW YOU OFF A CLIFF!
I LET YOU BELIEVE IT BECAUSE I WANTED YOU LOOKING AT ME THE WAY YOU DO AT HIM! BUT I'M NOT SPIDER-MAN! I'M NOT!
AND IF I NEVER SEE THAT SHOCKIN' COSTUME OF HIS AGAIN, IT'LL BE TOO--
OY.
DOWN WITH DOOM! DOWN WITH DOOM!
WHAT'S THEIR PROBLEM?
WHO CARES?
IF PEOPLE WERE BADMOUTHING ME, I'D POP 'EM. Y'ASK ME, IT'S CLASSY THAT DOOM PUTS UP WITH 'EM.

DANA! I'VE TALKED TO YOU ABOUT THIS BEFORE!
YOU SHOULDN'T FORGET TO ACTIVATE THE SECURITY LOCKS! ANYONE COULD WALK IN!
REMARKABLE DAY. WE ACCOMPLISHED A LOT... ALTHOUGH I SUPPOSE ONE'S PERSONAL LIFE IS THE FIRST TO SUFFER.
I MUST ADMIT, EVEN I WASN'T ANTICIPATING THINGS GOING THIS LATE.
BLAMM
HUNH?
BLAMM
UNHHH...
UKKHHHHHH

IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK.
ROT IN HELL, TYLER.
NEED WE ADD... TO BE CONTINUED!

Stan Lee presents
YOUNG MIGUEL O'HARA IN
BULLIES
YOUR CALL WILL BE PUT THROUGH THE MOMENT THE PARTY IS AVAILABLE.
THANK YOU, OPERATOR.
ANGIE, WE NEED TO TALK.
YES, SIR. I'D SAY WE DO.
WATCH, XINA. HERE IT GOES.
YOU AND I RATTED OUT KRON...
... AND NOW STONE'LL GO IN THERE, TELL ANGELA WHAT'S WHAT, KRON WILL STAY HERE, AND OUR LIVES GO DOWN THE CHUTE.
'CAUSE HE INTIMIDATES EVERYONE. EVEN MY FATHER.
WHY ARE YOU SO CERTAIN STONE WILL INTIMIDATE ANGELA INTO AGREEING TO THAT?
YOUR DAD'S A BULLY. INTIMIDATING BULLIES IS EASY. C'MON.

ANGIE, WE BOTH KNOW KRON'S A TOUGH KID. THAT'S WHY HE'S HERE.
THIS ISN'T A REFORMATORY, MR. STONE. KRON IS ASSAULTING OTHER STUDENTS, AND DESTROYING THE ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT.
YOU CAN'T SERIOUSLY BELIEVE WE'LL LET HIM STAY.
AND YOU CAN'T SERIOUSLY BELIEVE I WANT HIM TO GO.
ANGIE... PUTTING ASIDE THE HOMICIDE ATTEMPTS... KRON'S DOING BETTER HERE THAN IN ANY OTHER ENVIRONMENT.
I WANT HIM TO STAY, AND YOU'LL ATTEND TO IT. CLEAR?
VERY CLEAR, SIR.
TOLD'JA.
HOWEVER, MR. STONE, THE EXEC BOARD HAS MADE ITS DECISION. I WANT KRON'S THINGS PACKED... YESTERDAY, IF POSSIBLE.
TOLD'JA.

MISS DAGKALAKIS. YOUR CALL TO MR. HEROD IS READY.
H-HEROD?
YES. WOULD YOU CARE TO TALK TO YOUR FATHER-IN-LAW... OR SHALL I?
ANGIE, I SUGGEST YOU RECONSIDER. BECAUSE IF YOU THINK I'LL ALLOW THIS DECISION TO BE ENFORCED, THEN YOU--
YOU, ANGIE, HAVE JUST MADE A FATAL MISTAKE.
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All right, so it's lonely at the top.

Dear Arachnophilia,

You guys do an outstanding job! Peter David is absolutely the best writer in comics! SPIDER-MAN 2099 is my favorite of all the 2099 books and I do collect every title.

I just finished reading issue #31. Cool! The art by Roger Robinson was very good. Maybe you could let him draw something for 2099 UNLIMITED. Could the winged demon Spidey faced in issue #31 be Venom 2099? He was definitely cool; I'd like to see more of him! And in the next issue box: Strange 2099? Could it be that you're introducing a Venom and Dr. Strange and they will be the two new titles coming out this year? I think a Black Panther 2099 spin off from X-Men would be great! I'd like to continue to cast my vote for Man-Thing. Maybe a Black Panther preview could be run in the back of X-MEN 2099 #25.

In the premiere of the Reality Bytes page you said you were planning on tighter continuity within the 2099 titles. If that were to happen the 2099 Universe would be better than the regular Marvel Universe. The upcoming Doom event will definitely help the process. It's nice to see that you guys are giving readers what they ask for. Thanks for listening and making an enjoyable title.

Mark D. Trollinger
Smyrna, GA

We sure are, Mark! Have you seen the Next Issue Box?

Dear Joey & Lia,

Wow! What more can I say about the first 31 issues of SPIDER-MAN 2099. Well, it's awesome, awesome, awesome and I think one more, awesome...yep! That's all of them!

Some suggestions:

1. Do another special offer through the mail.
2. Another crossover.
3. A new title or two.
   a. Future heroes, please no past heroes (except maybe a Captain America 2099.)
4. More 2099 info.
5. More details on 2099.
6. Where can I find out more about 2099?
   a. How about a guide?... Guide 2099? Info. 2099?

Now before I go, Green Goblin 2099 in issue #29 & 30, who is Flipside? Green Goblin 2099 I'm just wondering Green Goblin 2099 because I wrote to this comic before, Green Goblin 2099 asking for another Spider-Man, and Peter David basically said no, Green Goblin 2099. So is Flipside another Spider-Man? Green Goblin 2099. One more thing, where in the world are Harry Osborne's future relatives? Green Goblin 2099 I thought sometime that these relatives of Harry Osborne (Green Goblin), would Green Goblin 2099 in a nut shell, get furious with the Spider-Man of 2099, and decide to become what his great-grandfather was, "The Green Goblin."

Well Green Goblin 2099, until and after the Green Goblin shows up, Green Goblin 2099 I'll be reading every 2099 title information guide Green Goblin 2099 or anything that shows up Green Goblin 2099 in any form of 2099.

Aaron A. Stencel
Lowell, MI

Aaron, 2099 heroes aren't related by blood to past heroes, but that's not to say that a Green Goblin won't show up. As for a Cap 2099, see DOOM 2099 #33. And as you know by now, we've granted your other wishes with a new contest, the "One Nation Under Doom" event, so if you're lucky, maybe there will be "a new title or two!"

Dear Arachnophilia,

I really love your comics, I used to collect all your 2099 comics, I still like Doom and Ravage. The Hulk is cool, but I don't care much for Ghost Rider 2099. I really like what you're doing with the "Young Miguel O'Hara" stories. Will we ever find out whose hand that was that held Miguel under water in issue #20?

1. In issue #5, way back when Spider-Man was trapped, Tyler Stone wanted Spidey brought in alive. Did he and does he still suspect that he is Miguel?

2. Are Thanatos and Aaron Delgado somehow related? That would explain why Thanatos knows so much about Spider-Man's true identity, and why he refers to himself as "we".

3. Miguel got the inspiration for Lyla originally from a tattoo Xina has. He later left Xina for Dana. Could it be that Xina programmed Lyla to go crazy and kill Dana to get Miggy back?

4. Will Doom be making an appearance in this comic anytime soon? Will he be an enemy or an ally?

Stacy Glen Hannah
New Brunswick, NJ

1. Tyler may have his suspicions, Stacy. Either way, he had ulterior motives for getting Spidey back to him alive. 2. We're not talking yet. 3. Xina created Lyla, but she didn't plan on her going nuts. That was the work of Discord. 4. Doom'll be around... but for his own purposes!

Dear Arachnophilia,

SPIDEY 2099 is the best 2099 title by far. The storylines and art are the greatest. It can't get any better than this. The "Young Miguel O'Hara" stories are really great.

1. Will there be a Venom or Carnage 2099? It'd be cool if there was!

2. Is there going to be a storyline where the original Spider-Man and Spidey 2099 meet?

3. Will you have a crossover with the X-Men 2099 anytime soon?

4. How about a Green Goblin 2099 or a Doc Ock 2099. Or even a Sinister Six 2099. That'd really be cool.

5. Will we learn more about this Spider-guy in issue #30? Will we see more of him? He looks pretty cool.

David Pigman
Elmhurst, IL

1. Yeah, it would be pretty cool. 2. Yep, a bookshelf due out in December, written by Peter David, and drawn by Rick Leonardi and Al Williamson. 3. Maybe. 4. That'd be cool, too. 5. If you read issue 30, David, then you know.

Next Issue

Venom 2099.